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## OUTSIDER PADDLES HOME

### Lincolnshire Handicap Run On Flooded Course

## Snow Still Blocks Scottish Roads

London, Mar. 25. The floods which have caused havoc in south and central England for a fortnight are now falling rapidly and even in the Fen country, where thousands of acres of rich farm lands were inundated, the waters have been stemmed.

In the north of England, the position remains bad and in parts of Scotland deep snow is still blocking many roads. In the Thames, overnight falls of from four inches to a foot were reported and the rate of flow is now 9,000,000,000 gallons daily compared with 14,000,000,000 a week ago.

## Compton Mackenzie Due Today

Mr. Compton Mackenzie, the noted British author, is due to arrive by air in Hong Kong today. He is engaged in preparing a history of the great part played by India in the war.

Mr. Mackenzie's visit to Hong Kong entails a tour of the battle areas of 1941, including the so-called "Gin Drinkers" Line on the mainland and the fighting areas on the Island itself, with special reference to the roles undertaken by the Indian troops of the garrison.

Mr. Mackenzie has travelled extensively in his search for material for his history, covering nearly every theatre of operations of the late war. On leaving here he hopes to pay a visit to the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan.

Mr. Mackenzie will be the guest of H. E. the Governor during his visit.

## UNRRA STRIKE THREAT

Shanghai, Mar. 26. The "China Press" reports today that 600 locally employed UNRRA personnel have voted to demand a 42 per cent increase in pay before the end of the month on the threat of a "sit-down strike" if the demands are not met.

UNRRA officials said no demands have yet been received. The "China Press" said that local employees claimed that foreign employees of UNRRA received an increase of 42 per cent in local subsistence allowance when prices skyrocketed in February while the locally employed had their salaries frozen at the January level under Chinese Government economic regulations.

They charged "this is unwarranted discrimination."

United Press.

## "SIT-DOWN"

Singapore, Mar. 26. More than 600 members of the "Dafotuo"—underground Chinese organisation opposing the Japanese during the occupation—started a squatting strike today at the Secretariat, in support of its demand for three and a half years back pay from the British War Office. Associated Press.

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## PREFABS FOR BRITAIN

London, Mar. 25. Swedish type houses are to be provided to give special help to rural areas, said Mr. L. J. Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, during a debate on rural housing in the House of Commons today.

Close on 5,000 of those houses had been delivered, he said. Half had been allocated to rural district councils in England and Wales and the other half to Scotland. Reuter.

## Troops Fire On Police

Patna, Bihar, Mar. 26. Troops opened fire on a party of police strikers moving in a police van today. One striker and two passers-by were killed.

Another report said that the troops fired when a posse of police staged a demonstration after striking. The demonstrators were moving about in a police lorry when the military opened fire, this report said.

Earlier, the entire police force of Patna had been disarmed and the reserve police force confined to barracks after an incident last night when Gurkha troops were called in to break up a meeting of a section of policemen who had refused to obey the dispersal orders of their officers.

The armed police who defied the authorities last night surrendered their arms to British troops later after holding out for about three hours. The policemen did not turn up for duty this morning.

The police are said to have put forward demands for higher salaries and improved conditions. Reuter.

## Cabinet Rumours

London, Mar. 26. Rumours that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will be shifted to "intra personal" charge of the Cabinet plans for dealing with the economic crisis were denied today by a high Government source.

The News Chronicle bannered a dispatch which reported that Mr. Bevin will be made the top domestic planner and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, will become Foreign Minister.

The Cabinet at the moment has no plan for such a change. I cannot say there never will be such a change but at present it appears highly unlikely, this source said. United Press.

## Bitter Wrangle On Atomic Energy

Lake Success, Mar. 26. The United Nations Atomic Energy Control Commission met behind closed doors yesterday to work out a detailed atomic control plan, but immediately fell into a bitter wrangle over how the problem should be tackled.

The United States—warning power over the punishment of countries that all countries must accept "some interference" in their internal affairs—asked the Commission to start by drafting a treaty defining the powers of the proposed international control agency.

Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko protested and insisted the Commission first take up his 12 amendments to the already endorsed programme of principles written by America's Bernard Baruch.

M. Gromyko's amendments would limit the powers of the atomic control authority and would retain the big five veto.

New Delhi, Mar. 26.

One person was killed as stray shooting and stabbing marked the third successive day of clashes between religious communities in Delhi. Associated Press.

## SOVIET READY FOR COMPROMISE

Moscow, Mar. 26. The United States and the Soviet Union today were reported authoritatively to be considering important concessions in their demands on Germany so as to accomplish their major aims for a German peace settlement in the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Officials were doubtful, however, that any deals were in prospect of sufficient import to produce a major agreement during the current Moscow sessions.

## COMET RESCUE

Kure, Mar. 26. British headquarters today announced that HMS Comet had rescued the Japanese crew of the disabled Kohuk Maru after the vessel had radioed an SOS while in the Japan Sea.

The Comet has just arrived from Tsingtao, when the Royal Navy dispatched her to the rescue. United Press.

## Nanking Debenture Issue

Asuncion, Mar. 26. Informed sources said today that there was intensive patrolling by Loyalist and revolutionary groups in northern Paraguay and indicated that large-scale fighting appeared imminent.

The National Defence Council and the Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee, in a joint meeting, passed a resolution today for the issuance of US\$300,000,000 short-term three-year debentures bearing two per cent annual interest, and US\$100,000,000 in 10-year bonds bearing six per cent annual interest.

The debentures are purchasable with Chinese dollars at the Central Bank official rate, CNS\$12,000 to US\$1. The bonds are purchasable with United States notes or dollars and deposits in other foreign currencies or gold at the official rate.

The meeting also decided to reduce the budget by CNS\$140,000,000 and to freeze or defer until later this year CNS\$85,000,000 expenditures. United Press.

## Executions In Taiwan

Nanking, Mar. 26. More than 70 Formosans, constituting the personnel of the self-styled "People's Government" established at Kailai, during the recent riots, were executed by the Nationalist Military authorities on March 24, Chinese press reports stated today.

The personnel included "Mao" Chen Fu-jao, "Chief of Staff," Lee, "Minister of Propaganda," Hsu Hsien-chung, and "Commissioner of Police" Chen Yung-kuo.

Central News quoted an official communiqué from Garrison Headquarters as saying that more than 100 Formosans suspected of subversive activities have been arrested since March 3 and three of them executed.

S.M.C. CLAIMS

London, Mar. 26. Replying to a written parliamentary question, the Secretary of State reported to the House of Commons that "some progress" has been made by the Chinese Government in assessing the claims of the British employees of the former Shanghai Municipal Council.

He stated that a number of British employees of the former Shanghai Municipal Council have secured employment in British Government departments. Central News.

New Delhi, Mar. 26.

One person was killed as stray shooting and stabbing marked the third successive day of clashes between religious communities in Delhi. Associated Press.

## N.Z. SHOCK

Wellington, Mar. 26. A severe earthquake followed by two 60-foot tidal waves hit the east coast of the Gisborne district today washing houses into the sea and demolishing a hotel.

Twenty bridges were wrecked as sea water rushed down coastal highways. Many residents had narrow escapes. United Press.

## Letter Found After 32 Years

By "Paul Pry"

A letter which was posted in England in 1915 has suddenly popped up in Hong Kong. It was discovered when a crate was opened in Wellington Barracks yesterday morning.

The letter, which is dated April 1, 1915, was addressed to a soldier on active service in World War I. He was then a Private in "D" Company of the London Scottish Regiment, which at the time was serving with the B.E.F. in France.

Oddly enough, also in the straw packing in the case was a number of German newspapers dated 1910, full of Luftwaffe versions of the blitz on Liverpool. Since the letter was opened, this may indicate that the soldier was taken prisoner or killed during the First World War, and that for some odd reason it was never destroyed.

The envelope is in fairly good condition when one remembers that it has been lying around for the past 32 years. Unfortunately, either mice or cockroaches have chewed several holes in the cover.

How it came to be in the crate cannot be established locally. Arrangements are being made by the local correspondent of one of the leading dailies at home for it to be forwarded to London for it to be forwarded to Berlin for the addressee or his 1915 correspondent.

A Government spokesman said so far there has been no large-scale battle although there have been skirmishes south of the rebel-held city of Concepcion, 160 miles north of here.

President Morinigo indicated that he had rejected the peace proposal by the Rebels.

The rebel radio station, in a proclamation to the Army and people, denied Morinigo's charge that the revolt was inspired by Communists and their allies. It said the leaders of the rebellion were not of any political party. United Press.

Offensive Begins

Asuncion, Paraguay, Mar. 26. Semi-official quarters say that Government Forces have launched a land, water and air offensive against the Paraguayan rebels.

The reports give no indication of the number of troops involved, but say the ground troops are supported by planes and river launches.

Earlier informed sources reported intensive patrolling by both sides, indicating that large-scale fighting is imminent. United Press.

London, Mar. 26.

Early callers at No. 10 Downing Street today had some difficulty in getting in. The door was broken. United Press.

## 131 Miners Trapped By Explosion

Centralia, Illinois, Mar. 26. A gas or dust explosion trapped 131 miners 500 feet underground in the No. 5 mine of the Centralia Coal Company here yesterday, and reports indicate the death toll will be heavy.

Shortly after midnight—nearly nine hours after the blast—rescue workers and officials said 16 miners were known to be dead. Two bodies had been recovered and one rescue worker said he had counted 14 bodies within the mine.

Five escaped alive immediately after the explosion and nine others were rescued alive.

At least 101 men still were entombed deep within the mine at midnight.

Rescue workers wearing oxygen tanks supplied from the surface and oxygen tanks carried on their backs crawled through the smoke and debris to the mine entrance.

## ODER RIVER DYKES CRACK

Berlin, Mar. 25. Ten Germans were drowned when ice and flood waters from the swollen Oder River burst through a dyke and flooded the village of Seelow, east of Berlin. The river dyke collapsed under pressure of the torrent. Thousands of refugees from the eastern territories resettled in this area a year ago and are now evacuated and homeless again.

Northwest of Seelow, between the towns of Wriezen and Friedland, where there is a chain of villages all submerged in the flood, the Oder has returned to the bed in which it flowed two hundred years ago, at a spot only 25 miles from Berlin.

The waters, though no longer rising, are expected to reach Friedland tonight. The floods are an economic blow to Berlin as rich crops of vegetables, sugar beet, wheat and potatoes normally feed the city from the Oder farmlands. Reuter.

## Floods In Poland

Warsaw, Mar. 21. Floods in Poland have washed away up to 30 bridges. On Friday, two bridges were swept from the Vistula between Warsaw and Prague, hurling seven persons to their death in the flooding Vistula, says a belated report.

In Silesia, the population was called out for a general fight against flood ravages. This news was delayed by washed out communications to Warsaw. United Press.

## 200 Feared Dead

Berlin, Mar. 26. The ice-clogged Oder River, its dykes built by Frederick the Great, cracking under the strain, flooded the heart of Germany's "bread basket" today as it swirled across farmlands towards the Baltic Sea.

Thousands of persons are homeless and many were drowned trying to save their possessions. The unofficial death toll stood at 200 although many of these may have escaped. Upwards of 20,000 fled their homes in the face of the worst German flood in 150 years.

At Wriezen, 40 miles northeast of Berlin, the flood waters were six and a half feet deep in the market place and the town's 8,000 inhabitants have generally been cut off. Today's Forecast—Moderate E and SE winds, inland fresh easterly, offshore becoming moderate, partly cloudy, becoming cloudy; morning haze or fog; warm.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 71.4 deg. F., Minimum 51.1 deg. F., Rainfall 10.7 hours, Rainfall 151.5 mm. as against an average of 140.8 mm. Readings at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Baro at m.e. 1012.7 1010.6 1008.6 inches. Equil. 1012.0 1009.6 1007.6 inches. Dew Point. 65 65 65 deg. F. Wind Direction. E. E. by S. Wind Force. 10 10 10 knots.

The flood undoubtedly was a severe blow to the hopes of the Soviet zone for bumper vegetable crops this spring and

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The locomotives with tenders will be required to be assembled on railway tracks at Hung Hom.

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Mechanical Engineer, Kowloon Canton Railway Workshops, Hung Hom, on the deposit of a fee of \$500.00 with the Chief Accountant of the Railway at the Head Office of the Kowloon Canton Railway, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender. The deposit receipt must be attached to the tender. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and give security in the sum of \$3,000.00 in cash to be deposited with the Chief Accountant of the Railway for the faithful performance of the terms of such contract.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. B. TREVOR,  
Chairman,  
Railway Tender Board.

Kowloon, 27th March, 1947.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT NOTICE

## DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS 1940

It is hereby notified that qualified analytical chemists and other persons who desire to practice as "approved persons" within the meaning of Part 1 Para 2 (9) of the Dangerous Goods Regulations, 1940, are requested to register their names with the Principal Surveyor of Ships, Harbour Department. The applicants should give full particulars of their technical qualifications and provide complete details of the apparatus which they intend to use.

J. JOLLY,  
Harbour Master.

Hong Kong, 26th March, 1947.

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Information is required from any eye witness, by War Crimes Investigation Team, respecting the Japanese attack on:

(A) Repulse Bay, December 19-23, 1941;  
(B) Eucliffe, Repulse Bay, December 19-23, 1941.

In addition it would be appreciated if anyone having information respecting:

(a) The bayonetting of wounded and/or captured on the Island Road near the Lyon Light just west of Deep Water Bay any time between December 18-25, 1941;

(b) The bayonetting of captives and wounded at Over Bay or The Ridge, Repulse Bay Road south of Wong Nei Chong Gap, December 19-24, 1941;

(c) The killing of captives and wounded at Tai Wan Hill and Salesman Mission, December 18-19, 1941;

would get in touch with War Crimes Investigation Team, Telephone 34048.

WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION TEAM.

Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

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## Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 21st April, 1947, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1946, and for the appointment of Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY, 8th April, 1947, to MONDAY, 21st April, 1947, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th March, 1947.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

## PROPOSED ISSUE OF NEW SHARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT it is the present intention of the Board of Directors of the above Company in accordance with the terms of the Special Resolution passed on the 25th day of May, 1923 to offer as soon as possible after the 21st day of April, 1947, 100,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$25.00 each bearing the present unsuited capital of the Company (in the proportion of one new share for every completed number of three shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 21st day of April, 1947, are registered in the Company's share register as the holders of the 300,000 issued shares in the capital of the Company at a premium of \$25.00 per share and so that of the acceptance of the offer the nominal amount due in respect of each such new share plus the said premium of \$25.00 per share (making \$50.00 per share) shall be payable in full.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to the 31st day of March, 1947 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd March 1947.

## NOTICE

## ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB

Members now resident in the Colony are hereby notified that unless their names are registered with the Secretary by 1st April, 1947, they will be considered as having resigned from the Club and will lose all privileges and rights of membership.

Likewise, members returning to the Colony in the future will be required to register their names within one month of the date of their arrival in order to retain membership of the Club.

By order of the Committee,

D. W. MUNTON,  
Secretary.

Room 212, Windsor House, Phone. 32340.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting to be held on Saturday and Monday, 5th and 7th April 1947 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 27th March 1947.

By Order,  
C. B. Brown  
Secretary.

Any of the shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid shall be disposed of in such manner and at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

No shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd issued share held by him.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

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## ENGAGEMENT

**LUSCOMBE-STOKES:** The engagement is announced between Edmund Colin Luscombe, Colonial Police Service, Hong Kong, older son of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Luscombe of Malvern Link, Worcestershire, and Jill Rosemary, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Stokes of 128 Argyle Street, Kowloon.

## THE COLONIAL SERVICE

That the responsibilities of the Salaries Commission go far beyond the adjustment of 1941 scales to 1947 economic conditions is made clear in the Colonial Office paper on the Organisation of the Colonial Service referred to in paragraph 6 of the Commission's terms of reference. In this particular document, general principles are laid down to which the local pattern of salaries, grades and terms of service is expected to conform, and among them are two worthy of quotation in full. In the first instance, it is decreed that the salaries of all posts in the public service should be determined according to the nature of the work and the relative responsibilities, irrespective of the race or domicile of the individuals occupying the posts. The pay, in other words, should go with the post. The second main point is that salaries should be fixed at rates applicable to the locally recruited staff even though there may for the time being be grades in which few or no locally recruited officers are in fact serving. The suggestion is that basic salaries should be fixed having regard "to the ruling income levels in those classes of the local community from which the public service is or will be recruited." These proposals cut across all previous conceptions of the proper structure of the civil service salary pattern applicable to Hong Kong, and while such a line of approach to the general problem cannot logically be challenged, the difficulties of their practical application in the immediate future are very real. It is true that provision is expected to be made, where salaries so fixed are insufficient to attract and retain officers from overseas, that expatriation pay should be provided. In determining the rates of expatriation pay, says the document, it will be relevant to consider such factors as the additional expense to which an officer may be put by reason of the fact that he is serving away from his own home, especially in a non-temperate climate; the remuneration and amenities available in alternative careers in the officer's home country, and the general standard of remuneration and conditions in the Civil Service. This says little more in effect that the same considerations as now apply to justify distinctions between sterling-salaried and dollar-salaried employees must continue to be conceded their due importance. Were the issues as simple and straightforward as that, there would be few points of conflict. A workable scheme could readily be worked out. The quest is to provide a framework in which the right man or woman can be put in the right place, irrespective of race or colour, in which there is equality of treatment and opportunity for all on the basis of merit, and ability, which, thus broadly stated, is a commendable and acceptable objective. It is, however, stressed at the same time that it is desired to attract recruits, on a very considerable scale, for a wide variety of posts in the Colonies from the United Kingdom and the Dominions. To achieve this, obviously, the inducement of an officer to serve away from his own home and accept the discomforts and disadvantages which work in tropical zones is liable to entail, must involve compensatory attractions which could hardly exclude the scale of his emoluments. If basic salaries are to be fixed "according to the relevant local circumstances," in our case according to Chinese living standards, the margin between basic and expatriation pay might easily be so "inappropriate" as to create a fresh sense of grievance rather than eliminate that existing. The question is, how far is it possible

## NATIONAL UNITY BASED ON REASON

The British are now in their eighth year of food rationing. The unwavering adaptability of the British housewife to multiplied shortages was an important contribution to the winning of World War II. The year 1946 saw the demobilization of millions of the Armed Forces of every nation. But the British housewife has not yet been demobilized. Her enemy, food shortage, has not yet been defeated. Taking her orders from the Ministry of Food, she continues in the front line, and so well does she contrive that the general health of the nation has never been better. That is a remarkable achievement. It is not, of course, due to the British housewife alone, and she would be the last to claim that it was. Nevertheless, it is only fair to remember how well she has served her country, and how admirably she continues to adapt herself to post-war conditions.

## "Pacific and Silent"

Visitors from other countries never fail to record their admiration for the British housewife. But in a wider and more general sense what seems to strike the foreign observer in how successfully Britain (in the words of a distinguished South American visitor) is effecting "a pacific and silent revolution," and thus realizing a "social transformation." The point is worth examining. In a letter to the Press in October, 1946, a well-known British industrialist referred to "the maladjustments which the war had caused," and said that the country's future depended on "re-establishing a basis for confidence and co-operative effort." It is understandable that in Britain itself people should be impressed with how much had to be done; but it is well to pause and reflect how much is actually being done to establish a renewed and strengthened basis for the national life. It is an effort which may rightly be termed co-operative because, whatever divisions of political opinion may and do exist, once projects of reform have received the sanction of Parliament their application is loyally supported by all in a new phase in the national evolution. Such support and co-operation are the more readily given because, though there may be wide divergence of opinion on such subjects as nationalization, it is generally agreed that the economic and social needs which the legislative programme of the present Government is designed to meet have long since been nationalized.

## Accepted By All

Reorganization of the country's basic industries and of transport by nationalization, and the modernization of various independent industries by Government aid, are two aspects of such economic needs. In the financial sphere the cheap money policy, the reform of Company law, and measures for protecting the small investor have been advocated by independent opinion for many years past. On the social side, the policy of ensuring full employment is accepted by all political Parties; the National Insurance Act has been hailed as a charter of security for the nation; and measures like the National Health Service and Family Allowances' Acts are welcomed as indispensable in a modern community. In working out these reforms there have been great, and sometimes bitter, disagreements on matters of detail; but British Parliamentary procedure has enabled constructive criticism

to influence the shaping of the eventual law, so that the vast process of modernizing the whole life and economy of Britain ends by being a united

endeavour.

By ROBERT MACKAY

national effort, which, after the heat of debate has subsided and the contested measures have become law, is in effect a national policy.

For A Century

The whole process is part of an evolutionary movement that has been going on for at least a century. Occasional unofficial strikes, however deplorable, and unexpected bottlenecks in production, however annoying, are merely transitory symptoms of the difficulty of post-war adjustment. In this connection it is pertinent to observe what great strides have been made in the study of industrial psychology. This is not something which Britain has suddenly adopted as a post-war innovation. A National Institute of Industrial Psychology and an Industrial Health Research Board have existed for the past 25 years.

Another instance of this process of gradual development is the movement for holidays with pay. Ten years ago, 1½ million wage-earners were having holidays with pay under agreements between employers and trade unions. In 1938 the number had risen to 4 million, and today it is about 12 million.

Case Of Disabled

As a final example of the gradual expansion of social-economic movements the case of disabled persons may be quoted. After the 1914-18 war comprehensive schemes were set on foot for providing employment-training for men and women who, owing to injuries, were wholly or partially unable to take their full share of business life. More recently, a special Act of Parliament—the Disabled Persons Act—has enabled 730,000 persons to register for special consideration, and on January 8 Britain's Minister of Labour was able to announce that employment had been found for all but one-tenth of these persons. The Minister was opening an exhibition in London—"And So To Work"—designed to show that disabled persons can perform skilled and other useful work under industrial conditions. The disability from which a man or woman may be suffering may be due to war service, to an accident, to physical weakness, or to serious illness. All this is provided for

under the Act. Watching the speed and quality of the work of the 75 disabled demonstrators at the exhibition—making boots or mending watches, typing or making dresses, for instance—nobody could guess that they laboured under any physical handicap.

The Logical Result

The Ministries of Labour and Health are the authorities mainly responsible for the exhibition. It is almost exactly 30 years since these ministries were set up, and though to many people at that time they appeared as the official expression of doubtful, if not dangerous, social innovations, yet they were in effect the logical and inevitable result of social movements which had been gathering cohesion for many years. The 1914-18 war hastened the process of administrative co-ordination, then, just as the 1939-45 war has hastened the realization of a vast number of social-economic schemes, which would eventually have come to fruition in any case. Thus, what may today seem to the outside observer to be "a pacific and silent revolution" is in reality a social-economic evolution—a long evolution which, at every stage, has been the motive of discussions which may have been "pacific" but were anything but "silent." It is because that democratic process of free discussion has never ceased to be vigorously maintained in Britain that the Government, in applying the practical results of that evolution, can count on the co-operation of all sections of the community, even of those who most dislike the shape of that evolution. National unity in Britain draws its permanent strength from the fact that it is not emotional, but, as in the case of the co-operation of the British housewife in food rationing, is based on the reasoned conviction that if the stern realities of the times are handled with a courageous capacity for adaptation, the nation will triumph over its difficulties.

**"SKYMASTER" CREW ARE SAFE**

St. John's, Newfoundland, Mar. 25. All nine members of the crew of the United States Army "Skymaster" airliner which was lost on Sunday on a flight from Massachusetts are safe.

The first survivor arrived at Illovo between Louis Point and St. Theresa, Newfoundland, early yesterday by helicopter plane. The airliner had landed on top of a hill 33 miles southwest of Harmon. It was located last night by search planes and a land rescue party was sent out. —Reuters

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay  
 "The Authority on Authorities"

## BEST FIT IN A MISFIT

No Trump is not a good declaration for the bad misfit. Possession of the top cards of every suit cannot produce a game at that contract unless one of the suits will break effectively, either through a good division of cards in the hand of the defense or else through having some of the intermediate cards. When the drop is from high cards to really low cards, even as many as seven sure tricks in aces and kings cannot produce the nine needed for the No Trump game.

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# GERMAN PEACE TREATY PLAN

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#### RELIEF FUND FOR BRITAIN

London, Mar. 25.

The Government has given £1,000,000 to a fund which the Lord Mayor of London is to open for the relief of distress throughout the United Kingdom caused by floods.

Announcing this in the Commons today the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton said: "It must be the aim of all of us in the face of this latest trial, to do our utmost to help our fellow citizens and make good all the damage as soon as we can."—Reuter.

#### UNRRA Ship Hits Mine

Belgrade, Mar. 25.

The UNRRA ship "St. Lawrence" carrying 6,000 tons of potatoes for the relief of starvation areas in Bosnia struck a mine within sight of the Dalmatian coast today. The vessel was heavily damaged and is reported to be in a sinking condition. It is not yet known whether there were any casualties.

The ship was on a voyage from Maine to the Dalmatian port of Split. The "St. Lawrence" was one of three potato ships originally scheduled for Yugoslavia. The two other vessels were diverted to another country, reportedly Germany.—Reuter.

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Austrian Talks

The Austrian deputies made more progress today than in all their former sessions here. They set up a drafting committee to begin at once putting the treaty in shape for a report to the Foreign Ministers on Saturday.

They agreed to take up the difficult economic articles to-

morrow.

The Soviets also promised to submit their proposal on displaced persons in Austria, another point of difference between the East and West.

Gusev said the Soviet paper on the subject was in two parts:

1. To deal with evacuation from Austria of persons of German origin.

2. To pose an undertaking to complete evacuation of all displaced persons within six months after the treaty has been in force.—United Press.

#### NKVD HQs

Among the buildings purchased by the Communists are the Guaranty and Credit Bank on Jaeger Street, the Russian Control Council's house on Insel Street, which shelters the Soviet Military Headquarters, and a huge house on Linien Street where the NKVD (Soviet secret police) has headquarters.

A large number of undamaged houses on Berlin's famous Friedrich Street are also now Soviet property, and in the Karlshorst, seat of the Soviet Military Government, scores of large villas and houses have been purchased by the Russians.

In addition, there are new Russian owners for scores of

#### RAF RECRUITING STOPPED

London, Mar. 25.

Britain's fuel shortages have stopped recruiting to the Royal Air Force, it was stated today.

"It is not considered reasonable to conscript boys from comfortable homes and put them in training centres which are unheated and with no fuel to cook food," an RAF spokesman said.—Reuter.

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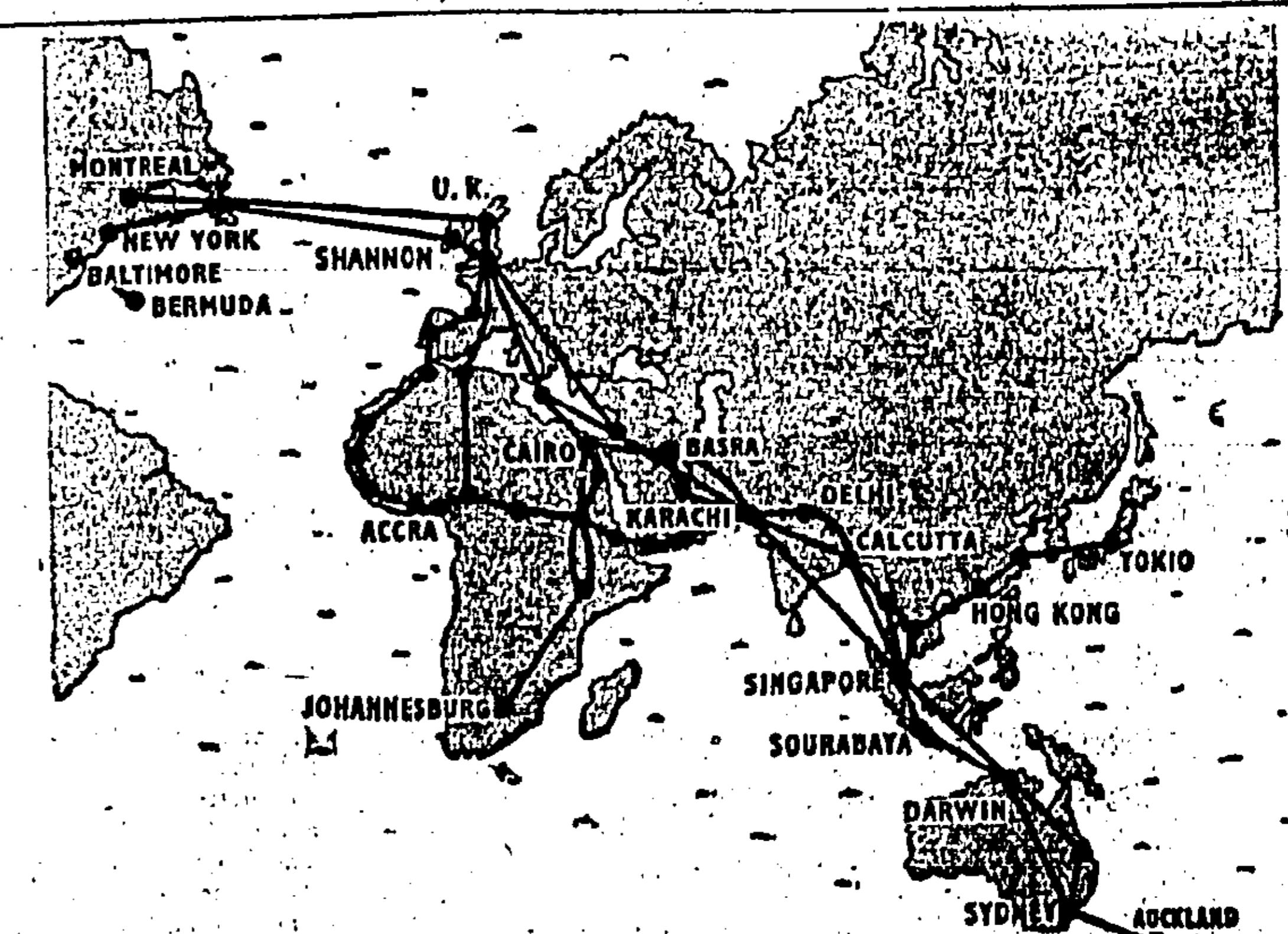
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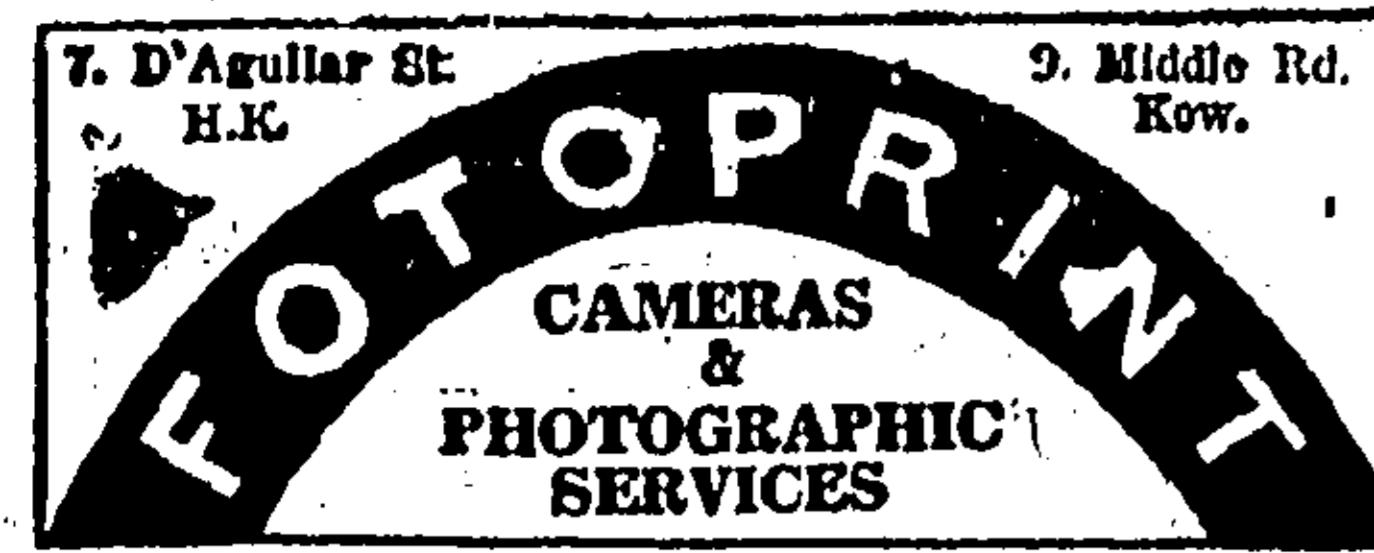
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# CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1947.

## RITUAL MURDER CASE FURORE

London, Mar. 25. In an effort to save the lives of the two remaining West Africans whose three companions were hanged for ritual murder, court records of habeas corpus proceedings are being sent from Accra, Gold Coast, to London.

"Nothing more can be done until the records arrive," a spokesman in the office of the men's London solicitor, Mr. A. L. Bryden, said today.

"They may go direct to the Privy Council or they may come to us. At the moment we do not know where they are. It is for the court at Accra to dispatch them. As soon as they arrive a petition of special leave to appeal will be made."

Details of the losing fight against time by the solicitors were given as follows:

12.30 BST.—The solicitors were told that a writ of habeas corpus had been served five minutes before the time fixed for the executions.

1.08 p.m.—A cable was sent to the senior counsel for the accused at Accra, Mr. Dove, advising him that if the motion for postponing the executions was refused he should give immediate notice of the intention to appeal to the Privy Council.

2.00 p.m.—Mr. Bryden personally handed the letter to the Assistant Legal Advisor of the British Colonial office. He also told him he should see that the Governor of the Gold Coast, Sir Alan Burns, did not execute any of the men until the appeal had been disposed of, but the Colonial Office man said he could say nothing about that.

### Cable Sent

2.23 p.m.—A cable was sent to the Colonial Secretary at Accra informing him that notice of the intention to appeal against any decision in the habeas corpus proceedings adverse to the accused had been served upon the Colonial Office and that no action must be taken against the men until the decision of the Privy Council had been given.

4.55 p.m.—A cable from Mr. Dove was received saying that the applications for habeas corpus had been refused and that Mr. Dove had intimated his intention to appeal to the Privy Council. "It would appear from this cable that Mr. Dove had intimated verbally, presumably to the Crown Council and perhaps also to the court that the appeal would be brought to the Privy Council immediately the application was refused," the spokesman said.

### Three Executed

7 p.m.—Mr. Bryden learned that there of the five men had been executed and that the remaining two would be executed this morning.

Soon after 10 p.m. Mr. Bryden received a further cable from the senior counsel for the accused at Accra saying that notice of the appeal had been filed and served at 3 p.m. Accra time and that three of the men had been executed.

Meanwhile a motion calling the House of Lords' attention to the administration of justice in West Africa, arising out of the trial, is to be moved shortly by the Marquess of Donegal.—Reuter.

## Missed The Boat

Lo Kuan, 18, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday for stealing clothing from Li Chun and Cheung Lam at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf.

According to Inspector Davies, defendant and another youth arrived from Swatow with two Swatow police officers on February 20. Two days later, the police officers left again but the two lads missed the boat. They slept at the wharf for two nights.

At 3.30 a.m. on Feb. 26, five or six men, including defendant, stopped Li and Cheung who were coming from the village, and took the clothing away from them.

Two of the gang were later arrested and sentenced to 18 months' hard labour subsequently.

## RED AN ANATHEMA TO BRITONS?

London, Mar. 25. The War Secretary, Mr. Belenger, told the House of Commons today that the colour red would not be used for the new dress uniforms of British infantry because the colour "would not appeal to public opinion."

He assured Mr. William Gallagher (Communist) that military intelligence had not been consulted in reaching the decision.

The colours chosen were green and blue.—United Press.

## JAPS HANG

Singapore, Mar. 20. Five Japanese officers were hanged today at Changi Prison under sentence for abuse of prisoners of the Burma-Siam "death railway." They were Col. Shigeo Nakamura, Col. Tamai Ichi, Major Shozo Kokayashi, Capt. Mituo Yajima and Capt. T. Goto.—Associated Press.

Mui Chin and Wong Ho were each sentenced to four months' hard labour when they appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on a charge of attempted larceny of a battery from a lorry outside the China First Club compound.

Prisoners and officials for the condemned were the Novelist, Wai Yip, and the author of "The

## SELL-OUT

Kunian City Mar. 26. Transworld Airline announced today it is negotiating the sale of 17 per cent of its stock in Philippine Air Lines which Transworld first acquired as a feeder system.

Paul E. Richter, executive Vice-President of TWA, said that since the Philippine line had been acquired, TWA had changed its route to end at Shanghai and therefore had no further interest in Philippine Air Lines. He did not disclose with whom negotiations are being carried on.—Associated Press.

## Australia Not Taken In By Japan

Canberra, Mar. 26. A warning that there were "most disturbing political trends in Japan was given in the Commonwealth House of Representatives today by Dr. Herbert Evatt, Minister for External Affairs.

Windings up the foreign affairs debate, he said, "We are not convinced that those who were responsible for aggression in the past have been effectively excluded from political and economic influence in Japan today."

Australia's desire for an early peace settlement with Japan arose from concern over the results of control on the final pattern of settlement, particularly the control of industrial potential.

"Because of our experiences since 1941, we can take no risks," he added. "How effective the supervision of Japan should be exercised and the extent to which it would involve the military occupation of the home islands should be decided at the peace conference by the countries which played an important role in the victory over Japan."—Reuter.

## Milch Trial Nears Close

Nuremberg, Mar. 26. Field Marshal Erhard Milch will be sentenced by an American war crimes tribunal on April 8, the court announced today.

Milch's trial for war crimes and crimes against humanity will close this week. In his final statement, the former chief of staff to Hermann Goering denied charges of slave labour and medical experimentation but said his own fate in the trial did not matter.

"I only want to see the German people relieved of their suffering and Germany as a nation accepted as an equal partner of other countries of the world," he said.—United Press.

## Soviet Gives Way On Dairen

Washington, Mar. 26. Russia has notified the United States that she is ready to take "appropriate steps" to carry out an agreement to give China the control of the Manchurian port of Dairen, the State Department announced today.

The Soviet notification was in response to an American note to Moscow and Nanking, expressing a hope that the "current unsatisfactory situation" at Dairen could be settled soon.

A. State Dept. spokesman said that the United States in the last few days had expressed a hope that Russia and China would complete the necessary arrangements for the transfer "in the near future" of Dairen, which has been under the Soviet military control since the Russians moved into Manchuria in the closing days of the war with Japan.

The Chinese and Soviet governments agreed to August 1945 that control should be turned over to the Chinese administration and the Soviet Union should be given a right of intervention.

Changchun Railway.

In urging the execution of the 1945 agreement, the United States also expressed a hope for the resumption of traffic on the Changchun railway which enters Dairen from the North.—Associated Press.

## GRUNER PETITION REJECTED

London, Mar. 26. The Privy Council's judicial committee today dismissed a petition to permit Dov Gruner, Palestine Jewish extremist, to appeal against the death sentence.

Gruner was sentenced to death on Jan. 1 by a military tribunal in Palestine for terrorist activity.

His sentence touched off a wave of terror by Irgun Zvulun, extremist organisation which propagandised the hand-some, 32-year-old prisoner as a martyr.

The petition was taken to the Privy Council by Dov Gruner's uncle, Frank Gruner of New York, for special leave to appeal on his nephew's behalf. Gruner has a sister, Mrs. Helen Friedman, who lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The Palestine Supreme Court dismissed Frank Gruner's application for an order to refrain from carrying out the execution. The present proceedings were for leave to appeal against that decision.

Dov Gruner has persistently refused to appear in his own name. At one point his attorney, Asher Levitsky, filed an appeal to the Privy Council but Gruner repudiated it, saying he refused to recognise the jurisdiction of British courts.

The Privy Council held that Frank Gruner, who brought today's application, could not be said to be personally affected by the execution order and, in their opinion, the petition was incompetent.

Lord Thankerton, presiding, ruled: "Dov Gruner will not submit himself to the jurisdiction of the court in Palestine and his uncle is making what may be described as a despairing effort on his behalf."

This petition is presented to His Majesty the King in Council by the uncle of a man who has been sentenced to death by a military court and admittedly has refused to appeal.

The petitioner cannot be said to be personally affected by the order and in the opinion of their Lordships the petition is incompetent and should be dismissed.

—United Press.

## MacArthur And His Job

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

Commenting on a suggestion in Washington that Gen. Douglas MacArthur returns to the United States to advise the Administration on security and foreign intrigue, informed quarters stated that Gen. MacArthur has not received any such suggestion and it is not expected that President Truman will make such a request.

Gen. MacArthur has repeatedly stated that he desires to remain in Tokyo to finish his job of Supreme Allied Commander, and it is known he would resist any suggestion that he leave Japan before an Allied peace treaty is signed.—United Press.

## GENTLE CRITIC OF U.S.A.

Lake Success, Mar. 26. The United Nations Secretary General, Dr. Trygve Lie, sniped obliquely at the United States today for skirting the United Nations with its Greco-Turkish old programme.

Opening the first meeting of the UN Trusteeship Council, Dr. Lie said the United Nations could grow into an effective world peace organisation only if all countries show "readiness to resort to it even when their most vital national interests are at stake."

—United Press.

## PARIS PROTEST

Paris, Mar. 25.

An estimated 200,000 Parisians quit work for two hours early today and joined in a mass demonstration against American aid to Greece, which the speakers denounced as imperialistic and having a Fascist tinge.

The demonstrators also called for an end to the war in Indochina. Leaders said it was only one phase of a nationwide protest which they believed involved 4,000,000 workers.—United Press.

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## CHINA PROTEST

Nanking, Mar. 26.

It was reliably learned today that China has protested to France against "unlawful" actions of Chinese in Manchuria, bombing, attacking and bombing and bombing of Chinese. The immediate protest came from

## RESURGENCE OF NAZISM

Herford, Mar. 25. Sir Sholto Douglas, British Zone commander, in a report today said the hard German winter had brought a resurgence of Nazism and some Germans believed "they would be better off under Hitler."

Sir Sholto said the recent "Operation Selection Board" round-up of a Nazi underground gang probably would not be the last one because "there is sure to crop up some similar small underground movements."

The economic and food situation in Germany is improving, he said, "thanks to American supplies"—and further improvement would end German discontent.—United Press.

## Batavia Celebrates Agreement

Batavia, Mar. 26.

Red and white Indonesian flags, and red, white and blue Dutch ones fluttered peacefully from buildings here today as Batavia celebrated the Linggadjati agreement signed yesterday between the Indonesian Republic and the Dutch Commission-General.

Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Indonesian Prime Minister, addressing a gathering of his compatriots in Koningsplein, opposite the residence of Dr. van Mook, Dutch Governor-General, told them about their future in the Netherlands Indonesian Union. For many of them his speech was the climax to a night of festivity.

Early today, Moslems gathered at Koningsplein to pray for the newly recognised Republic. Services were also held in Christian churches.

Dutch motor-cycle police were escorting groups of demonstrators carrying red and white banners and the streets were filled with Indonesians in colourful Holiday dress.

The atmosphere was gay but there was a note of restraint in the people's behaviour, reflecting the relief which the agreement has brought to this troubadour densely populated archipelago.

Celebrations end at midday today.—Reuter.

## Wot, No Red Herrings?

London, Mar. 25.

The Food Minister, Mr. Strachey, announced today that Britain had completed a new food contract with Russia under which the Soviets would supply 10,000,000 tons of canned salmon and 2,500,000 tons of canned crab.

The Minister also announced that imports of still table wines would henceforth be uncontrollable. He said the limit for expenditure for these wines, roughly comparable to pre-war import totals, would be set and not take into account the conditions. Nevertheless the opposing goliath had narrow escapes and twice Smith came near to his side the lead, his first shot being blocked and on the second occasion Linney took the ball off his feet as he schemed for a view at goal.

Offside stopped "45" on their first excursion into their opponents half and then Neale raced into the centre and blazed the ball well over the bar when well placed.

Dicdot was placed in midfield but, in combination

amongst the rest of the "45" attack was conspicuous by its absence. Clapton gave Goldthorpe very little scope and when the ball was in the air, the Bde centre-half's head was always the highest, Symcock and Smillie gave him good support with quick touches and hefty clearances.

"45" had a narrow escape when Taylor allowed a "harmless" shot to bounce past him. The ball curved in the air and struck the ear of the post before being scrambled away. Dyball and Butlin were showing plenty of energy.

McAlhone gave the Bde a well-deserved lead with a header from a right wing movement and then Clapton forced Taylor to make the best save of the day with a low free-kick from the half-way line.

England was called into action three times in less than a minute after the resumption—more times than he had handled the ball throughout the first half. Broadhead was only inches wide and then England had to concede a corner when Humble tried a snap shot. England was finding his long reach and Rugby experience most useful and he held the high shot accurately. He was lucky, however, when Reynolds saw his shot bounce the wrong side of the upright. "45" were pressed strongly with the wind at their backs and England saved a well-placed free-kick by Dear and then Clapton "nodded" the ball out of the danger zone when a score seemed probable. "45" were not to be thwarted and Reynolds equalised after a goalmouth melee.

Enlivened by this setback, Bde had more of the play and Smith should have restored the lead following a defensive error which lost him to Taylor to beat. Full-time came with honours still divided and 45 Cdo. took advantage of the wind for the first half of extra time. Dear moved to centre-half and Neale over took the leadership of the "45" attack in an effort to induce more punch but extra time finished with the score still equal.

**BDE:**—England; Symcock, Smillie, Dyball, Clapton, Butlin, Chamberlain, Large, Smith, McAlhone, Marsh.

**45 CDO:**—Taylor, Dear, Lanham; Humble, Linney, Nicholson, Neale, Dicdot, Goldthorpe, Reynolds, Broadhead.

## Commando Cup Final: Drawn Game

The leading Service team in the First Division until their recent resignation, 45 Cdo. had to fight hard to earn a replay with Second Division eleven, HQ 3 Cdo Bde. The teams met yesterday at Chatham-road in the inter-Commando cup final and drew 1-1 after extra time.

## Tsui Brothers Win Tennis Match

The Men's Doubles Tennis championship has now reached a very interesting stage, and yesterday another big crowd saw the Tsui brothers beat their clubmates, Leo Wal-tong and B. S. Szeto easily. G. Cho and L. C. Kotewall had a surprisingly easy win over B. C. Fung and M. Pugh.

The following were yesterday's results:

Tsui Wal-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat Lee Wal-tong and B. S. Szeto 6-1, 6-2.

G. Cho and L. C. Kotewall beat B. C. Fung and M. Pugh 6-1, 6-1.

F. H. Kwok and Ho Ka-lau beat Wong Sui-ki and Au Kuan-moon 6-2, 6-4.

T. P. Fan and Eric Y. W. Lee beat George Lin and Roch Li Liang 6-2, 6-2.

George Lin and Roch Li Liang received W. O. from A. G. Melo and T. A. Pearce.

## TODAY'S GAMES

The following are today's games: